

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

4 Rowleaze Cottage
Eaton Hastings
Faringdon
Oxon
SN7 8BW

Ref: 002005



Introduction

- Fourth cottage in a terrace of five, originally eight farm workers cottages in the middle of farmland. Views front and back across farm and woodland.
- Shared gate from car park and front garden with other cottages, private garden areas for 4 and 5 Rowleaze at rear of cottages. Walk of approx. 25m from car park
- Access to car park and cottage via a concrete / tarmac track from A417 leading towards Oldfield farm buildings then left onto a gravel track. Prone to pot holes especially in bad weather
- Cottage is on two floors, with downstairs bathroom and shower over bath. Narrow hallway to kitchen. Entrance hall, kitchen, dining room and sitting room. Two double and two single bedrooms, one of each has a wash basin. Stairs are quite steep and narrow stepped.
- Night storage heaters in all rooms except bathroom which has a large heated towel rail on the wall. Free standing electric heaters for extra heat if required. Open fire in sitting room.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Front door leads into entrance hall, stairs immediately to the left. On right is the bathroom. Straight ahead the sitting room and left down short hallway is the kitchen where you can turn right into dining room or left to exit the cottage via second entrance / exit. Through the dining room to the sitting room or out through patio door to rear garden and private seating area. Upstairs to small landing, ahead into double bedroom with wash basin, right to single bedroom with wash basin, just left to second double bedroom, further left to second single bedroom. Also an airing cupboard on landing. Beds in double rooms are made as doubles unless twin beds requested. Layout of furniture and rooms remain the same although decorations and soft furnishings may have been changed since the included photographs were taken.

Pre-Arrival

- See the main webpage for booking and location details.
- Please contact us prior to booking if you have any specific access requirements.
- Directions provided with booking
- Please bring torch if arriving after dark. Car park is not lit however on approaching gate to garden path there is a sensor light located on the first cottage. Outside light to 4 Rowleaze is often left on depending on when cottage was last visited by NT staff.

Approach

- Turning off A417 onto concrete and tarmac road, over bridge (Buscot Park and lake to right). Straight road to farm buildings, can be prone to puddles and pot holes. Left before farm buildings onto gravel track which leads to car park for Rowleaze Cottages (track is also used by the occasional farm vehicle)
- Parking for 4 and 5 Rowleaze holiday cottages are designated by signs although there is room to also park elsewhere if necessary.



Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Garden gate leads into shared front garden, narrow gravel path spurs off to each cottage on the right. 4 Rowleaze is towards the far end of the terrace
- Entire site of cottages and gardens is surrounded by hedge approx. 1m in height except for the standard garden gate from car park
- If arriving after dark guests are advised to bring a torch
- Garden gate to entrance door approx. 25m
- Key safe to left of front door. Further key safe on shed to left of cottages.
- No passing traffic except those connected to local farms or other cottages and footpath walkers



Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Concrete step to door (same as 5R), Front door 1760 x 810mm with 80mm threshold.
- Rubber mat on doorstep
- Coir in door well inside, level with carpet floor
- Gravel pathway to car park, grass encroaches on pathway from time to time so can be muddy when wet
- Gravel and stone flags to shed where second key safe is positioned
- Further gravel to grassed garden at rear of cottage used by 5 Rowleaze



Getting around the cottage

- Quarry tile flooring in kitchen, rubber backed rug by sink, fitted carpet and rugs in sitting and dining rooms. Lino flooring in bathroom. Carpet in entrance hall and on stairs, landing and bedrooms.
- Handrail to stairs on left hand side.
- Stairs are narrow and fairly steep – 4 in a curve at bottom of flight into 7 straight to landing 880mm side to side x 210mm deep x 200mm high
- Access space to stairs from first step 1840 x 800mm

Entrance Hall

- Doorway 1760 x 810mm
- Concrete step 990mm wide x 500mm deep x 70mm high, 80mm threshold, 30mm into coir mat well.
- Small rubber backed mat, coat hooks, sensor light
- Stairs to immediate left, understairs cupboard contains highchair, nursery guard
- Bathroom, sitting room and hallway to kitchen accessible from here

Sitting Room

- Two generous two seater sofas with cushions – 450mm floor to seat, two wing-back arm chairs – 480mm floor to seat, coffee table in centre of room and two small side tables. Tall reading lamp, four shaded wall lights. Two windows facing rear garden.
- Open fire. Rug in front of fireplace. TV & DVD player to right of fireplace and stereo in cupboard left of fireplace.



Diner

- Doorway from kitchen 1810 x 740mm

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- Large dining table with six chairs around, a seventh to side of room. Table height 770mm, chairs without seat pads 450mm.
- Locked caretakers cupboard, shelving for books, table mats etc, cupboards for games and storage.
- Window looks out over rear garden, half glass door to patio and garden – 1770 x 860mm with coir mat in door well – 20mm.
- Door to sitting room 1910 x 810mm



Kitchen

- Kitchen has quarry tiled floor with rubber based mat at sink and a coir mat in door well from outside.
- Walk-in cupboard contains vacuum, electric meters, shelving
- Kitchen has a sink unit with cupboards underneath. Fitted worktops and cupboards – 940mm high. One double and one single wall cupboard. Free-standing fridge/freezer (available space only allows for a small appliance), electric double oven and hob. Washing machine under worktop. Microwave, cordless kettle, toaster.
- Kitchen window is in front of sink and looks out over the access path and further to farmland.
- 5 x spotlights on ceiling
- Hallway to kitchen step down from carpet to tile 30mm
- Doorway from hallway 1740 x 830mm
- Doorway from kitchen outside 1840 x 860mm with a 20mm threshold



Bedrooms

Double Bedroom (Yellow)

- Door opens inwards from landing – 1800 x 780mm
- Carpet to floor
- Bed is zip and link divan with single headboards, made up as double unless specified. Bed is side on to the door upon entry. 620mm high x 1890mm long x 1800mm wide
- Two side tables with lamps
- Overhead light, small chest of drawers
- Wash basin stands at 800mm, mirror above
- Wooden bedroom chair, cushioned seat, material cover
- Double wardrobe
- Window overlooking rear garden and farm and woodland beyond



Double Bedroom (Green)

- Door opens inwards from landing – 1800 x 780mm
- Bed is zip and link divan with single headboards, made up as double unless specified. Bed is behind door upon entry. 620mm high x 1890mm long x 1800mm wide
- Two side tables with lamps
- Overhead light, small dresser below window
- Double wardrobe
- Mirror on wall
- Cushioned bedroom chair
- Window overlooking rear garden, farm and woodland beyond



Single Bedroom (Cream & right of landing)

- Door opens inwards – 1800mm x 790mm
- Single divan bed with headboard – 620mm high x 1890mm long x 900m wide.
- Bedside table with lamp
- Overhead light
- Chest of drawers
- Wash basin with mirror above
- Wardrobe
- Window overlooking front garden, wood and farmland beyond



Single Bedroom (Yellow & left of landing)

- Door opens inwards from landing – 1800 x 790mm
- Single divan bed with headboard – 620mm high x 1890mm long x 900mm wide
- Bedside table with lamp
- Overhead light
- Dressing table with mirror and drawers
- Wardrobe
- Window overlooking front garden, wood and farmland beyond



Bathroom

- Door enter inwards – 1990 x 740mm
- Heated towel rail opposite door
- Shower over bath (shower curtains on circular rail)
- Bath 56cm high x 560mm wide x 1500mm long – No hand-grips
- WC 430mm to top of seat, basin 790mm
- Small shelf, mirror and shaving light above basin
- Linoleum flooring
- Frosted window which can be opened



Airing cupboard on Landing

- Door enters inwards 1800 x 780mm.
- Contains immersion heaters and tanks, spare linen, cot and folding bed (420mm high x 800mm wide x 2040mm long)

Garden

- Garden at front of cottages is communal for all residents.
- Two sheds to left of cottages, furthest from cottage has the emergency key safes for both 4 and 5 Rowleaze.
- Gravel pathway leads to rear garden for 5 Rowleaze,
- Access to garden for 4 Rowleaze is via the patio door in dining room. Small contained grass garden Rotary dryer, large wooden picnic bench and seven wooden garden chairs
- Garden is mainly grass except by cottage – roses & climbers and dividing panels for privacy from 5 Rowleaze. Patio area is uneven in places, concrete and flags with some cracking



Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. Vibrating fire/smoke detectors are available if requested at time of booking. Please contact us if you have any other specific access requirements in this respect.
- Currently **NO** Wi-Fi

Facilities at all cottages

The National Trust aims to expand the list of accessible /equipment/items available at each cottage and these may include

- Cordless kettle
- Hollowfibre bedding
- Chair with armrests
- Good reading light
- Large handle vegetable peeler
- Easy tin opener
- Non-slip mat for bath/shower
- Non-slip place mat
- Easy jar opener
- Information in alternative formats (on request)

Please note that we cannot guarantee that all items will be available at the time of your visit. Please enquire at the time of booking regarding any particular requests.

Specialist equipment

Other specialist equipment such as wheelchairs, bath seats, toilet frames etc may be available for loan or purchase from the local Red Cross loan centre. Please check this out before booking the Cottage and contact us if you require further information.

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/standard.asp?id=89425>

Future Plans to improve Access to National Trust Holiday Accommodation

- We are currently in the process of writing accessibility guides for all our holiday cottages and bunkhouses and improving access over time for all our guests. All feedback is very helpful in informing us of ways in which we can improve access. We welcome any comments or ideas from you about access at this cottage and thank you for taking the time to do this. Please do this in the most convenient way for you. See contact details below or information on website.

About the Accessibility Guide

- This Accessibility Guide is intended to provide key information about the accommodation that may be particularly relevant to guests with disabilities. Please contact us prior to booking if you would like information that is more specific and we will be happy to oblige.

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